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AL HENDRA NAMED 2006 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR



Al Hendra, Assistant Administrator, Marquette General Health System is also a Private Sector Board Member on The Job Force Board and the Central Upper Peninsula Michigan Works! workforce development boards and Chairman of The Upper Peninsula Healthcare Roundtable.

Congratulations to Al Hendra, Assistant Administrator, Marquette General Health System for being selected the 2006 Michigan Works! Private Sector Volunteer of the Year!

If you know Al, you will understand why he was chosen for this esteemed honor. Only one person is given this recognition out of the entire 25 Michigan Works! regions throughout the state of Michigan.

"Al has been instrumental in the promotion of business development and private sector employment through his involvement and visionary leadership, both on the Job Force Board and with the UP Healthcare Roundtable," said Paul Arsenault, Presi-

dent of Concepts Consulting and Chairman of the Six County Employment Alliance.

Along with being a private sector board member on The Job Force Board, Al is chairman of The Upper Peninsula Healthcare Roundtable, an Upper Peninsula-wide group of healthcare providers, economic and workforce development organizations, private sector companies and community stakeholders. The Upper Peninsula Healthcare Roundtable was founded in 2001 to address the UP healthcare workforce issues. At the time, the group had only 7 members and was experiencing an 11% vacancy rate in nursing. Today, the group has expanded to over 80 members and through the efforts and tactics of The Upper Peninsula Healthcare Roundtable and Michigan Works!, enjoy a vacancy rate of less than 4.8%.

"All of us on The Job Force Board admire Al's determination, leadership and vision. Al is a longtime Job Force Board member. He, with the help from a team of concerned businesses, commu-

nity stakeholders and the staff here at Michigan Works! founded and developed the award winning Upper Peninsula Healthcare Roundtable back in 2001. This was one of the first true Regional Skills Alliances in the State. Others have used this system as a model in developing their own regional programs to address their industry issues," said Will Carne, Owner of Carne's Amoco and President of Michigan Works! The Job Force Board.

Al is also a member of the American Hospital Human Resources Association, the Michigan Hospital Human Resources Association, the U.P. Human Resources Directors Association, U.P. Labor Management Council, Operation Action UP, Economic Club of Marquette County and the Kiwanis Club of Ishpeming, Michigan.

If you see Al, make sure to congratulate him, and thank him for his hard work and efforts to help the UP and the State of Michigan be a great place to work, play and live.